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LITTLE ROCK July 21st, 1919

American Numismatic Society,
Broadwqy and 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Can you aid the Gazette to get a picture of a gazzetta, a coin that was once issued by the Venetian Republic? The Century Dictionary contains a cut of a gazzetta that was coined in Venice for use in the Greek islands, but we wish if possible to get a cut of the gazzetta that was coined for use in Venice.

Thanking you for your trouble, we are

Yours very truly,

J. N. Heiskell
Editor.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

July 26, 1919.

J. N. Haiskell, Editor of the Arkansas Gazette,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of July 21st I hope to send you within a day or two a photograph of the Gazeta concerning which you wrote. I should be interested in seeing what you may publish regarding the piece and I have ventured to send with the print some information gathered from the Italian Numismatic Books which describe the piece. Should you have further inquiries, it will give me great pleasure to try to answer them for you.

Very truly yours,

(Enclosures.)

Secretary.

July 28, 1910.

J. H. Heiskell, Editor,
Arkansas Gazette,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing a print showing four or five varieties of the Gazzetta, together with our bill for seventy-five ($.75) for having this photograph made. I trust this will suit your needs and should we be able to afford you any assistance with other Numismatic questions at any time, we shall be only too glad to do so. I also enclose a brief statement with regard to this piece.

Very respectfully yours,

(Enclosures.)

Secretary.

Gazzetta is the name popularly given in Venice to the two Soldi piece the coinage of which was begun about 1539. It was continued throughout the period of a century and other Mints struck Gazzetta in imitation of those used at Venice. They were also struck for use in the Venetian Colonies on the Adriatic and in the Ionian.

The obverse of the piece shows the lion of St. Marks facing to the left holding an open book with his right forepaw. The inscription is "Sanctus Marcus Venetus." The reverse shows a crowned figure of Justice, seated between two lions holding a sword in one hand and scales in the other. The inscription reads "Justitia Dilicies." Various Mint marks appear in the exergue.

Martinengo "L'Moneta", a dictionary of coin names written in Italian, is authority for the statement that the first newspaper printed in Venice in the Seventeenth century, took its name from this coin which represents the cost of a single copy.

July 28, '1919.

J. M. Heikell, Editor,
The Arkansas Gazette,
Little Rock, Ark.

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Secretary.

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
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BUSINESS MANAGER

LITTLE ROCK August 1, 1919.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th & 166th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We received the pictures of the Gazzetta, and we are enclosing 75¢ in payment for the photographs. There is one point upon which I should like to ask some information. I notice that none of the coins of which you have sent the photograph contains the word "Gazzetta", while the Gazzetta of the Ionian Islands, pictured in the Century Dictionary, contains the word on one side. It may be that this is to be explained by the fact that the Gazzetta of the Ionian Islands was coined in 1801.

We shall be obliged to you for this further trouble in this matter, and later we shall show you the use we are making of the information.

Sincerely,

J. N. Heiskell

Editor.

JNH.

Answered

August 4, 191[illegible].

J. M. Haskell, Esq.,
Editor, Arkansas Gazette,
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of August 1st, the only way I can explain the question you raise is by pointing out that these coins were given the name Gazetta by the people. In that sense it was a nickname rather than the official name for the coin which would have been a two-soldi piece. The Ionian Islands piece was struck almost two centuries later. At the time the Gazetta was issued it was only beginning to be customary to place a denomination upon the coins.

I trust this will give you the information you desire, but I shall be very glad to have you raise further questions if it does not so.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.